

**REMARKS**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering the amendments made after the Final Office Action.

This request for reconsideration is made to explain why the “display image” in claim 2 cannot be the same as the optical image of the fundus in Lashkari.

Claim 2 requires “a display for generating *an optical display image* in response to a driver signal received by the display” (emphasis added). The Examiner has identified displays 285 and 285’ of Lashkari as meeting the claimed “display.” Displays 285, 285’ generate display images that are directed toward ocular lenses 295, 295’ whereby fundus images generated by displays 285, 285’ can be viewed by an observer. See Lashkari at column 11, lines 58-60.

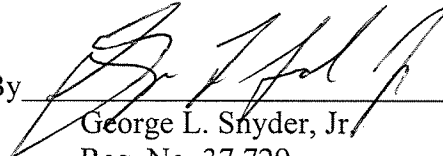
Claim 2 further requires “a second deflection element arranged in the observation beam path for reflecting *the display image* of the patient’s eye into the observation beam path” (emphasis added). Thus, this limitation refers back to and finds antecedent basis from the “display image” generated by the display. Mirrors 255, 255’ have been identified by the Examiner as meeting the claimed “second deflection element.” However, mirrors 255, 255’ never receive *the display image generated by* displays 285, 285’ as required by claim 2. Mirrors 255, 255’ receive an image of the fundus, but it is not the image generated by displays 285, 285’ as called for by claim 2.

In light of the above remarks, applicant respectfully asks the Examiner to reconsider the claims of the present application.

An Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form is enclosed seeking an interview with the Examiner if the above remarks are deemed non-persuasive. The Examiner is invited to propose an alternate date and time for the interview if a conflict exists.

Respectfully submitted,

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